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For Relief of *Oxon*, *Bucks*, *Berks*, and *Southhampton*, and for the better securing of the Associated Counties, and parts adjacent.

THe Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament duly considering the miserable condition of the Counties of *Oxon*, *Bucks*, and *Berks*, *Southampton*, and other the neighbouring Counties by reason of the continuall Plunderings and Alarums from the Garisons of *Oxon*, *Bazing*, *Winchester*, and *Wallingford*, *Banbury*, *Newark*, and other places adja-

cent in the Enemies power. And well weighing the great advantage which would redou d not onely to the ſaid Counties in particular, but to the City of *London*, and all the Aſſociated Counties, and to the whole Kingdome in generall, if ſome competent Force might bee ſpeedily raiſed for the blocking up, or ſtraitning of the ſaid Gariſons and Places in order to a further deſigne; Doe Order and Ordain, and bee it Ordered and Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That the Common-Councell of the City of *London*, or ſuch as they ſhall appoint, and the Committees for the Militia of *Middleſex*, within the Lines of Communication, and the ſeverall Committees nominated in the Ordinance for raiſing of Monies for maintenance of the Forces under the Command of Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, in the ſeverall Counties and Cities hereafter mentioned, or any three of them, ſhall have power reſpectively, and are hereby authorized to raiſe and levie for the reliefe

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of the aforeſaid Counties, and the keeping in of the Gariſons and places in the Counties aforeſaid, the ſeverall proportions of Men, Horſes, and Armes, hereafter likewiſe particularly expreſſed. And if any perſon ſhall refuſe or neglect to ſend in his Horſe or Arms as he ſhall be Seſſed and proportioned, according to the true intent of this Ordinance; That then it ſhall bee lawfull for the ſaid Committees as aforementioned, or any three of them reſpectively to levie ſo much money by Diſtreſſe and ſale of the goods of the Party ſo refuſing or neglecting as hee ſhall bee ſo ſet at. Provided that no particular perſon in any of the ſaid Counties or Cities be charged for the finding or providing of more then one Horſe and Arms, or the value thereof after the rate of twelve pounds for a Light-Horſe and Arms, and ſix pounds for a Dragoone Horſe and Arms, and that no perſon be charged by vertue of this Ordinance, who hath not an Eſtate in Lands or yearely Revenue, to the value of forty pounds *per Annum*, or above, or

perſonall Eſtate of the value of foure hundred pounds or above. And the ſeverall proportions of Horſe and Dragoones hereafter mentioned, are to meet within ten dayes after the paſſing of this Ordinance at ſuch Rendezvouze, as ſhall bee appointed by both Houſes of Parliament: Or by the Committee of the two Kingdomes for the ſervices aforeſaid. And to be taken into pay the next day after they ſhall come to ſuch Rendezvouze to be appointed as aforeſaid. And for the better encouragement of all thoſe who ſhal be rated towards the raiſing and paying of the ſaid Men, Horſe and Dragoons as aforeſaid to contribute chearfully to this preſent and neceſſary ſupply; It is ordained and declared that the Monies which ſhall be levied for the purpoſes aforeſaid ſhall be duly repayed to all and every perſon and perſons diſburſing the ſame reſpectively out of the Monies to be raiſed by the ſale of Delinquents Eſtates, next, and immediately after the two hundred Thouſand pounds already charged thereon, ſhall bee paid. Provided

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alwayes, That the proportions now ſet by vertue of this Ordinance ſhal be no preſident for the future. And Provided that this Ordinance, nor any thing therein contained, ſhall extend to any Peere of this Realme under the protection of the Parliament, or any Member of the Houſe of Commons, Aſſiſtant, Officer, or Attendant of the Houſe of Peers, Or Officer or Attendant of the Houſe of Commons.

| | *Horſe,* | *Dragoons.* |
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| *London* and *Middleſex* | 163 | 82 |
| *Eſſex* | 136 | 68 |
| *Suffolke* | 143 | 72 |
| *Norfolke* | 143 | 72 |
| City of *Norwich* | 008 | 03 |
| *Hertford* | 049 | 25 |
| *Cambridge* | 044 | 22 |
| Iſle of *Ely* | 015 | 07 |
| *Huntington* | 020 | 11 |
| *Kent*, with the City & County of the City of *Canterbury*, and the Cinque Ports. | 143 | 71 |

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| *Surrey* and *Suſſex* | 119 | 62 |
| *Bedford.* | 020 | 11 |
| | 1003 | 506 |

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